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SUBJECT: GABON PRESIDENT CONCLUDES ARGENTINA VISIT

PRESIDENT OF GABON EL HADJ OMAR BONGO
CONCLUDED A THREE-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT
TO ARGENTINA ON OCTOBER 30 BY SIGNING
A COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC, TECHNOLOGICAL
AND COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT WITH PRESIDENT
VIDELA. BONGO WAS THE FIRST AFRICAN
CHIEF OF STATE EVER TO VISIT ARGENTINA.
BESIDES THE USUAL EXCHANGE OF AMENITIES
INCLUDING A 21-GUN SALUTE AND AN EXCHANGE
OF NATIONAL DECORATIONS, PRESIDENT BONGO
ENGAGED IN A NUMBER OF SUBSTANTIVE TALKS
WITH PRESIDENT VIDELA, HIS CABINET AND
TOP RANKING OFFICIALS IN INDUSTRY AND
AGRICULTURE. HE ALSO PAID A CALL ON THE
PRESIDENT OF THE ARGENTINE SUPREME COURT.
THE COMMERCIAL ACCORD SIGNED BY THE TWO PRESIDENTS
PROVIDES FOR A MIXED COMMISSION WITH ARGENTINE AND
GABONESE REPRESENTATIVES WHO WILL MEET AT LEAST ONCE
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ANNUALLY TO EXPLORE WAYS TO FURTHER ECONOMIC COOPERATION
AND TRADE. ACCORDING TO BONGO, GABON IS INTERESTED IN
IMPORTING ARGENTINE AGRICULTURAL AND MANUFACTURED GOODS
AND IN ARGENTINE FARMING AND CATTLE RAISING TECHNOLOGY.
GABON IS WILLING TO SELL ARGENTINA OIL, TIMBER, MANGANESE
AND URANIUM. AT A PRESS CONFERENCE, BONGO DENIED EARLIER
REPORTS THAT HIS COUNTRY WAS INTERESTED IN BUYING

ARGENTINE-MADE MEDIUM-SIZED TANKS. HE SAID HIS COUNTRY
WAS INTERESTED IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, NOT MILITARY
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